Setting up of IISER

2781. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are setting up Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research in some cities;

(b) if so, the details of the cities identified;

(c) the cost estimated for setting up of each such institute; and

(d) the parameters adopted for setting up of such institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Government of India has set up three Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs), at Pune, Kolkata and Mohali Two more IISERs are being set up at Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram. These Institutes have been/are being set up on the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (SAC-PM). The total estimated project cost of each IISER is Rs. 500.00 crores which includes Rs. 241.00 crores for construction of buildings and other infrastructural facilities and Rs. 259.00 crores as recurring expenditure, spread over a period of 7 years.

Quality improvement in schools

2782. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing a revised scheme of quality improvement in Government and Government-aided schools;

(b) whether the component 'Improvement of Science Education' would be transferred to State Governments and UTs as a State Sector Scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) During the Tenth Plan a composite Centrally Sponsored Scheme of ''Quality Improvement of School'' was introduced by converging the following 5 earlier schemes of the Department as its components:–

(i) Improvement of Science Education in Schools.

(ii) International Science Olympiads.

(iii) Environmental Orientation to School Education (EOSE).

(iv) National Population Education Project (NPEP).

(v) Promotion of Yoga in Schools.

The component ''Improvement of Science Education in Schools'' has been transferred to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations as a State Sector Scheme, *w.e.f.* 1.4.2006.